

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-7. (cancelled)

8. (new) A catch brake for a trunk lid of a motor vehicle for slowing an opening movement of the trunk lid upon reaching its open position, the catch brake comprising:

a narrowing U-shaped clamping receiver for braking a tubular hinge bail of the trunk lid with a clamping action and to prevent the trunk lid from rebounding, the clamping receiver comprising

tapering lateral brake cheeks which form a continuous taper in the direction of the opening motion of the trunk lid, wherein the brake cheeks are elastically flexible to one another, and

a resiliently deformable connecting link joining the lateral brake cheeks together, wherein the resiliently deformable connecting link has a fastener for mounting the catch brake.

9. (new) The catch brake according to claim 8, wherein the brake cheeks are so configured that the hinge bail can enter without head-on collision.

10. **(new)** The catch brake according to claim 9, wherein the brake cheeks are formed from a hard plastic material that is resistant to attrition.

11. **(new)** The catch brake according to claim 10, wherein the hard plastic material that includes polyoxymethylene.

12. **(new)** The catch brake according to claim 11, wherein the connecting link is formed from a softer plastic than the lateral brake cheeks.

13. **(new)** The catch brake according to claim 12, wherein the lateral brake cheeks are formed from a relatively hard core which is embedded in a softer plastic material.

14. **(new)** The catch brake according to claim 8, wherein the brake cheeks are formed from a hard plastic material that is resistant to attrition.

15. **(new)** The catch brake according to claim 14, wherein the hard plastic material that includes polyoxymethylene.

16. **(new)** The catch brake according to claim 8, wherein the connecting link is formed from a softer plastic than the lateral brake cheeks.

17. **(new)** The catch brake according to claim 16, wherein the lateral brake cheeks are formed from a relatively hard core which is embedded in a softer plastic material.

18. **(new)** A trunk lid opening device of a motor vehicle for moving a trunk lid from a closed position to an open position, the opening device comprising:

a catch brake comprising:

a narrowing U-shaped clamping receiver for braking a tubular hinge bail of the trunk lid with a clamping action and to prevent the trunk lid from rebounding, the clamping receiver comprising

tapering lateral brake cheeks which form a continuous taper in the direction of the opening motion of the trunk lid, wherein the brake cheeks are elastically flexible to one another, and

a resiliently deformable connecting link joining the lateral brake cheeks together, wherein the resiliently deformable connecting link has a fastener for mounting the catch brake.

19. **(new)** The trunk lid opening device according to claim 18, comprising an automatic system for opening the trunk lid.